

UNCLE SAM'S IDEA

TOPEKA IS 130TH

Reports of 200 Cities of United States Made by U. S.

Water Supply of Kansas Capital Given Out in Full.

PER CAPITA USE, 89 GALLONS

Report Nearly 75 Miles of Water Mains in This City.

Old John Barleycorn Received Many Hard Knocks in Year.

In a book just issued by the United States government, dealing with various municipal questions, and covering reports from some 200 cities, Topeka ranks 130th in the list. The statistics show that from 1905 to 1915 old John Barleycorn received many a hard knock in various places in the United States. Reports from 54 cities show that 8,554 saloons were abolished during this period.

Mobile, Ala., heads the list in highest percentage of the number abolished with 71.4 per cent to its credit. Davenport, Ia., next with 64.2 per cent; Cleveland, Ohio, third with 62.1 per cent; Montgomery, Ala., 61.4 per cent; Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio, both with 60.4 per cent; and Saginaw, Mich., with 56.1 per cent. This percentage is based on the number of saloons actually discontinued during this period as compared with those in operation at the beginning of 1905.

Cleveland, in 1905, had 3,177 saloons doing business but the report for 1915 shows only 1,259 saloons in operation. Dealing with the number of saloons as related to population, Wisconsin heads the list with one saloon to each 250 inhabitants in the state. Other states show one saloon to each 500 and 1,000 population.

License of \$3,000. As to annual license for saloons Birmingham, Ala., tops the list with a \$3,000 license for each of its 58 saloons. Cedar Rapids, Ia., with its 33 saloons receives \$2,300 from each; Joplin, Mo., with 50 saloons takes each \$2,200, while Wisconsin shows three cities with city license of \$200 for each saloon per year. This is the lowest license recorded in the report of all cities.

The report groups the 200 cities in five different groups. Cities with a population of over 500,000 coming in the first group, while cities with from 100 to 500 thousand are in the second, from 100 to 300 thousand under the third, from 50 to 100 thousand under the fourth group and those with a population of 20,000 to 50,000 coming under the fifth group.

Topeka is given a population of 47 thousand and is treated under group five.

Population Figures. The report shows that there are eight states in the Union without a city having a population of 20,000 or over. They are Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Mississippi and Vermont, while Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Arkansas, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maine and New Hampshire can boast of only one each.

Treating the subject of water supply for the various cities the report shows that Topeka has 72.4 miles of water mains and 632 fire hydrants. There are, according to the report, 7,477 water meters in Topeka and 100 per cent of the water used is metered, a fact of which only a few of the cities mentioned can boast. There were 1,028 million gallons of water used in Topeka during the year 1915 and 57 per cent of the total population was served, or 31,558 people in the city, and 200 outside of the city limits. The daily per capita consumption of water during the past year in Topeka is given at 89 gallons.

The report further deals with police and municipal affairs and is highly interesting from various standpoints.

"Clump" to Run Again. Jefferson City, May 12.—Speaker Champ Clark will be a candidate for re-election this fall. His official declaration of candidacy as a candidate for congress from the Ninth Missouri district was filed with the secretary of state today. Among other things today was that of W. W. Wilder of St. Genevieve county, Republican candidate for state auditor.

OUR FASHION LETTER

MEN WEARING SILK

Yep, 'Tis True That the Silk Worm Has Turned!

Stunning Summer Clothes Distinguish Sterner Sex.

SOCKS AND SHIRTS THIS YEAR

Business and Social Ends Are Bound to Meet.

Just Strut Around and Pose, Says Maggie Mason.

BY MARGARET MASON.
(Written for the State Journal.)

If you want to be a model man, the simple goodness knows, just wear a lot of swaggy togs and strut around and pose.

New York, May 13.—Yes, 'tis true, the worm will turn and this summer the silk worm has turned its efforts from the fair to the sterner sex. It is terribly busy spinning the wherewithal to clothe "me lord" in a stunning silk summer suit.

Last year the summer seemed cool and content in Palm Beach suits of ordinary hempen weave, but this season he sniffs at anything short of silk.

Arrayed in Tuscany or Pongee, he will lay siege to frail hearts and press his suit after it has been well tubbed. He will undoubtedly owe as much to his laundryman as to his tailor for his success in this season's season—gratitude, I mean, of course, not money, although perhaps it may be a little of both.

The Tuscany and Pongee suits are tremendously attractive and also delightfully cool. Many of the best models show coats with pleated backs and half belts.

All the boys will vie with belted Eris nowdays, for the belted coat is quite the thing. Not only in the summer silk models but on coats of serge and light weight tweeds.

The belted coats of navy serge will be quite smart for country and outing wear with trousers of striped white flannel and will cause many a female heart to surge with admiration.

But after all before, below and above everything, the silk's the thing. Silk shirts of heavy tub silk, striped and designed in the newest yellow, orchid, green and porcelain blue shades are very smart, worn with the soft collars of plain or corded white silk.

Among the newest silken scarfs, those of small patterned four and pastel tints like crepe are numbered first in favor.

Chastely pure and white are the chosen socks of the silk-worm. The too soft clayey feet of our masculine idols.

The white silk sock will show on the best foot forward in either work or play. In other words it will be worn to meet both business and social ends, and for very good reasons, a fast black sock keeps it more up with the times.

A very smart imported model even goes so far as to show three black socks, one on each side and one right up the center of the instep. Needless to say, this pair is decidedly striking.

Pleanty of silk will be on many hands also for the silk glove, pearl grey or chambray colored, with a black or white glove that have been made to wash as beautifully as the long worn chambray ones.

Verily it seems to portend a busy season indeed for the silk worm and the laundry. Everything being so, Sylvester may almost safely take his tub attired in full regalia.

A. A. Erwin, there will be as little good excuse for soiled masculine garments this summer as for soiled masculine reputations.

HE WAS DRIVING WEST

Nevertheless Jitney Driver Says He Was Going to Santa Fe.

A. E. Erwin was arrested by Officer McGovern on the charge of speeding. He is a jitney driver. He appeared before Yates, police judge, and pleaded guilty.

"I was driving fast because I had a passenger and was afraid I would miss the Santa Fe train," said Erwin. Judge Yates let him off with a \$5 fine.

A few minutes later Officer McGovern came into the station and learned what had happened.

"What I'd like to know," said McGovern, "is how Erwin was going to get his passenger to the Santa Fe train driving west. When I arrested him he was driving directly away from the station as hard as he could go."

HOSPITAL OPENS TODAY.

Hoffman Memorial at Little River Built by Early Settler.

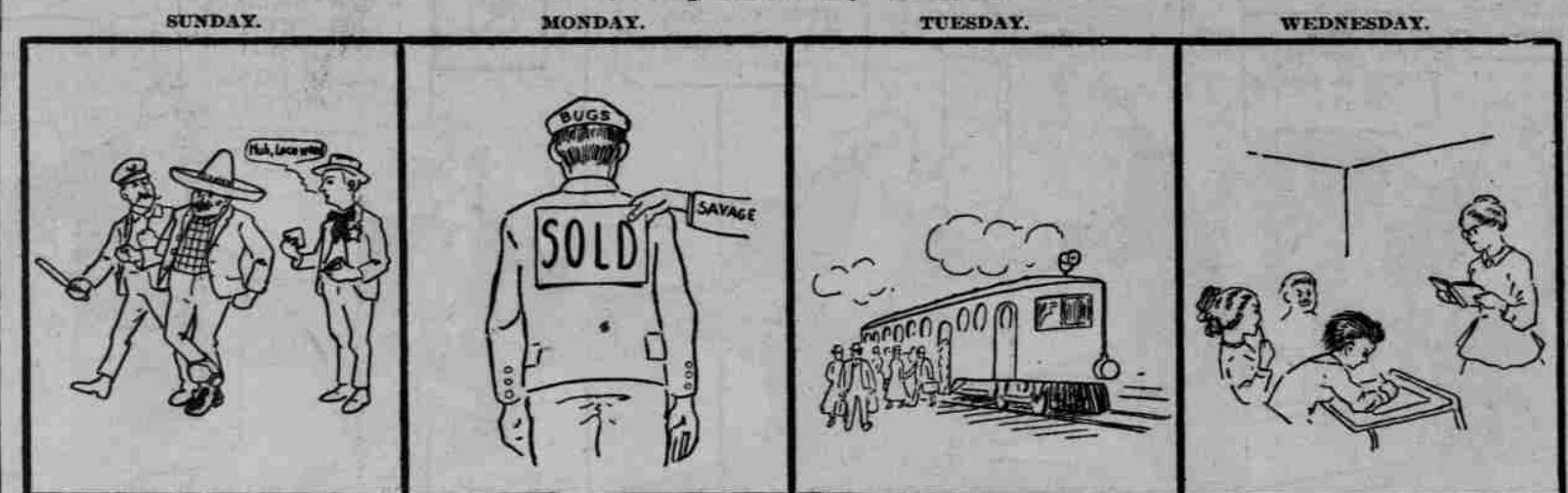
Little River, Kan., May 13.—The Hoffman Memorial hospital opened at noon today. A public reception was held, with music by a band and orchestra. C. F. Foley, a member of the Kansas public utilities commission, was scheduled to speak at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The hospital was built by George M. Hoffman, president of the Citizen's State Bank at a cost of \$35,000. It is one of the finest buildings of its kind in the state. Mr. Hoffman is a pioneer settler of Kansas and in the early days was a resident of Topeka for five years. Following a career of several years as a bullwhacker and cattle driver, he settled at Little River and began farming. Through his faith in Kansas he accumulated a fortune estimated at a half million.

Arsenal Workers Get Raise. Washington, May 13.—Secretary Baker has announced that wage increases to be determined later would be granted to workmen in the government arsenal at Rock Island, Ill. He said, however, that the increases would not be based on the wage scale paid similar workmen in Chicago or in cities adjacent to Rock Island but would be based on the scales of similar private plants at Rock Island, Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa.

Local News Events of the Past Week

As Depicted By Bolmar



Chief Parsons and Officer Alba gathered in a noisy and dangerous, much loosed Mexican. More shifting about in baseball circles. Savage sold "Bugs" Grover to the Sioux City club. Opening of motor service between Topeka and Leavenworth. Motor arrives in Topeka with many passengers. Spelling test given to pupils of the city schools, preliminary to the old-fashioned spelling bee of next week.



Second, and chief day of the two days trap shoot between the Topeka Gun club and visitors. Y. W. C. A. had grand May fete at the city auditorium. Many beautiful tableaux and dances were given. Opening day of grand two days' scrap between the Topeka "Savages" and the Wichita "Wolves." "Coming events cast their shadows before." New Thought convention will be held in Topeka next week.

FOR FARM BUREAU GRAB THE ISLANDS

Shawnee County Farmers Favor County Agent Plan.

United States May Take Over Danish West Indies.

Meet Soon to Further Work of Organizing Members.

Seek Ratification by Denmark and U. S. Senate.

The work of organizing a farm bureau in Shawnee county is rapidly progressing and many active farmers in the county are interested in the project. A number of them have already signed up to become members and those who are pushing the organization hope in a few weeks to have the necessary 250 members. Shawnee county will be the eighteenth in Kansas to get a farm bureau unless some other county gets in between now and the time the Shawnee organization is perfected.

When the farm bureau is organized it will be time to go after a county agent, a man who will maintain an office and distribute farm knowledge among the farmers. The office of the agent is in the nature of a clearing house for ideas—a place where farmers may "swap" experiences and impart to each other the results of tests and experiments which he has successfully carried out.

Canvass the County. Pomona grange has taken up the work and the grange members are interested in the project. Practically every section of Shawnee county has been visited and the sentiment in the entire county seems favorable. The most active workers are in the neighborhood of Sunnyside, Tecumseh, Wakarusa, Auburn and Topeka, but it is expected that Rossville, Silver Lake, Dover and the other sections of the county will also take up the work.

John P. Doane of Sunnyside is chairman of a committee that is working up the matter and the committee is made up of farmers in different sections of the county.

Works With Farmers. The farm bureau and the county agent are supported by the state, county, the federal government and the farmer-members. When the organization is completed an agent is appointed by the Kansas State Agricultural college. The agent co-operates with the farmers and conducts campaigns such as hog-cholera campaigns, seed-selection campaigns, alfalfa or dairy campaigns, and arranges meetings of farmers in schoolhouses, churches, town halls and other places in case the farmers and the agent encounter problems in engineering, drainage, soil treatment or other farm branches that are unsolvable. The agent consults men from the college that are expert in that line and arranges for a visit by the expert.

In Other Counties. Farm bureaus and county agents are maintained in many counties in the state and in every case the work is highly appreciated. In Leavenworth county the agent has done valuable work in eliminating hog cholera, helping in seed selection and in many other ways. In Jewell county a farm bureau is maintained and his work is valuable to the farmers. Nemaha county is the latest to secure an agent.

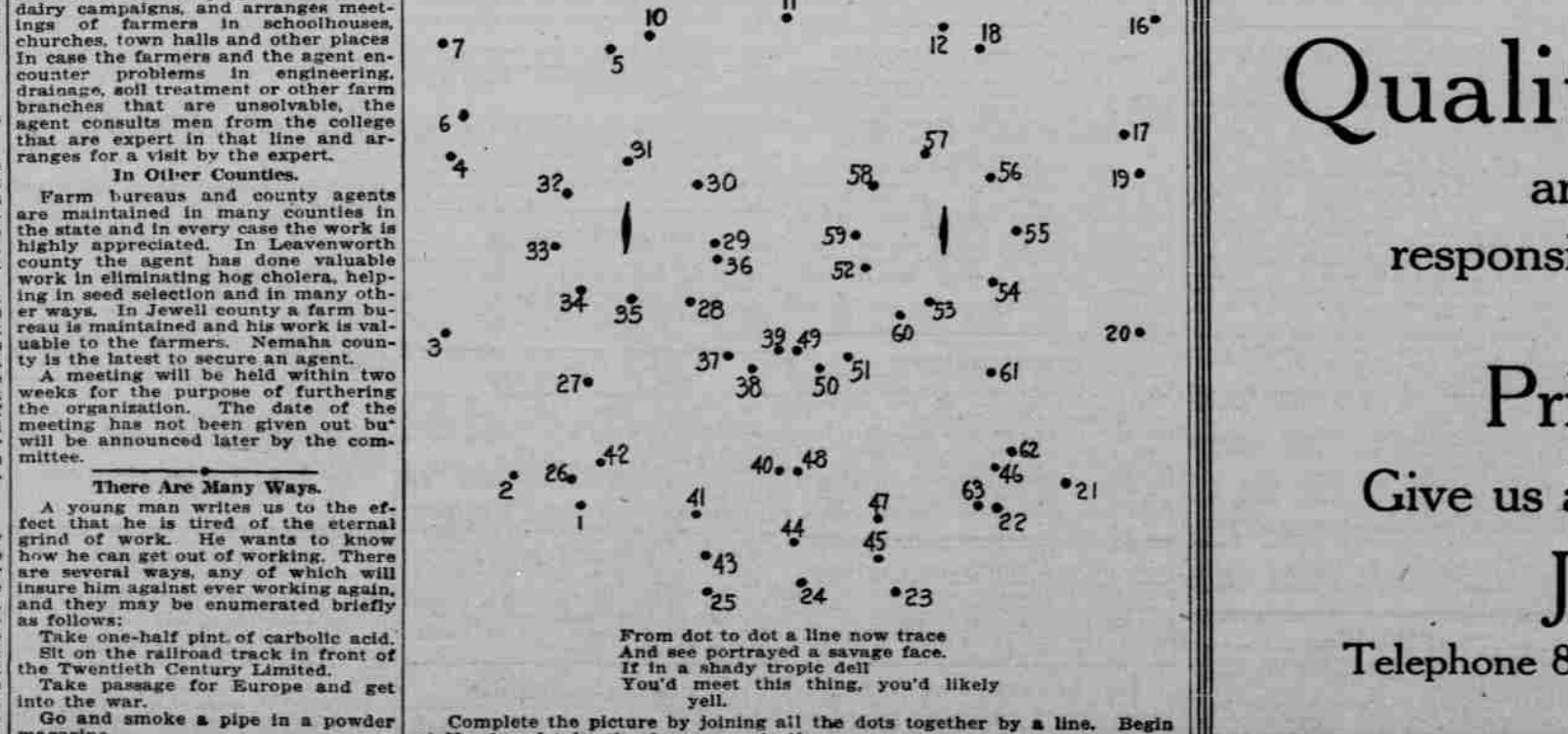
A meeting will be held within two weeks for the purpose of furthering the organization. The date of the meeting has not been given out but will be announced later by the committee.

There Are Many Ways. A young man writes us to the effect that he is tired of the eternal grind of work. He wants to know how he can get out of working. There are several ways, any of which will insure him against ever working again, and they may be enumerated briefly as follows:

Take one-half pint of carbolic acid. Sit on the railroad track in front of the Twentieth Century Limited. Take passage for Europe and get into the war.

Go and smoke a pipe in a powder magazine.

Complete the picture by joining all the dots together by a line. Begin at No. 1 and take the dots numerically.



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To the Voters of Shawnee County

Having announced myself as a candidate for Probate Judge, subject to the Republican primary, August 1, I deem it proper to make this statement:

I am in favor of a speedy hearing and determination of all matters coming before the court, a rigidly economical administration of the office and reducing the costs in estates, guardianships and other proceedings and keeping the expenses as low as possible.

I believe that a woman probation officer should be appointed, and provision made for her services in cases of girls requiring the attention of the Juvenile Court.

I believe that a detention home is a necessity in the humane handling of dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

And if nominated and elected to the office of Probate Judge I shall do everything in my power to carry that policy into effect and keep it in force.

RALPH H. GAW.

A Strong Endorsement

Over 90 Well Known Lawyers of the Shawnee County Bar Association Recommend Ralph H. Gaw to the Voters as Especially Qualified and Fitted for the Office.

We, the undersigned members of the Shawnee County Bar, realize that the office of Judge of the Probate Court is one of the most important offices in the county. We know from personal acquaintance and professional association with Ralph H. Gaw that he is well qualified and especially fitted for this office and that if elected he will faithfully and honestly perform every duty of the office. We, therefore, irrespective of party affiliations, recommend him to the voters of Shawnee county for the office of Judge of the Probate Court.

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